### Jail.

Government communiqué on the Allipuram Jail, Bellary.

- 90 Q.—Mr. K. Abdul Hye Sahib: With reference to the Government communiqué on the Allipuram Jail, Bellary, will the hon, the Home Member be pleased to throw more light on the number of convicts afflicted and precautionary measures taken therefor?
  - A.—The number of cases was 167 of which seven cases ended fatally.

    The following are the chief precautionary measures which were taken to arrest the spread of the epidemic:—

(1) Isolation of all cases and immediate contacts in the cholera

enclosure and camp.

(2) Immediate segregation of all cases of diarrhoea.

(3) Stringent sanitary, food and water control such as the chlorination of the drinking water before use, protection of food and cooking and eating and drinking utensils from contamination, examination of all food-stuffs, cooked food, etc.

(4) Campaign against flies by the introduction of a large

number of formaline sprays and

(5) Prophylactic issue of dilute sulphuric acid twice daily.

Number of political and other prisoners still undergoing imprisonment.

91 Q.—Mr. S. Satyamurti: Will the hon, the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) the number of prisoners still in prison, convicted in connexion with

the picketting of liquor shops in Madura early this year;

(b) the number of Mappilla prisoners convicted in connexion with the

recent Mappilla rebellion who are still undergoing imprisonment; and

(c) the number of political prisoners, that is, those convicted of offences against the State, who are still undergoing imprisonment?

A.--(a) 92.

(b) 8,796 including 1,219 prisoners in the Andamans.

(c) The number of prisoners convicted of offences against the State and still undergoing imprisonment is 14.

# Medical help to Pandit Vajpai.

92 Q.—Mr. S. Satyamurti: Will the hon, the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that Pandit Vajpai, a political prisoner in the Central Jail, Trichinopoly, is in a critical condition; and

(b) whether proper and adequate medical help has been given to him?

A.—(a) Pandit Vajpai having been released on December 3rd the question does not now arise.

(b) Yes; whilst he was in jail.

## Local Self-Government.

The Local and Municipal Group Conferences.

93 Q.—Rao Bahadur A. S. Krishna Rao Pantulu: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased—

(a) to place on the table copies of all the resolutions of the various Local and Municipal group conferences held during 1922;

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(b) to state what action has been taken by the Government in regard

to each of the resolutions passed at these conferences; and

(c) to place on the table a statement of the expenditure incurred by the various local bodies for the attendance of the members of the said bodies at these conferences and also the expenditure incurred from Provincial funds for the travelling allowances of the officials who attended the above conferences?

A.—(a) & (b) Copies of the resolutions passed at the Local and Municipal conferences held in 1922 with information as to the action taken thereon by Government are being printed and will shortly be placed on the table of the Legislative Council.

(c) Information as to the expenditure incurred on the 1922 conferences alone is not available. The expenditure incurred from Provincial, Local Board and Municipal funds in connexion with the travelling allowances of officers and members who attended the Local and Municipal conferences in 1921 and 1922 was approximately as follows:—

Provincial funds ... ... ... 4,118
Local Board funds ... ... ... 24,252
Municipal funds ... ... ... 6,344

34,714

The expenditure incurred on the conferences held in 1922 may roughly be taken at half the above sums.

Appointment of non-Indians in the Local Self-Government Department.

94 Q.-Mr. S. SATYAMURTI: Will the hon. the Minister for Local

Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) the number of appointments held by non-Indians at the time he assumed office in the departments administered by him, and the salaries of these appointments, and

(b) the number and salaries of such appointments, if any, now held by

Indians?

A.—(a) & (b) The Government presume that information is wanted only in regard to the gazetted appointments paid from provincial funds.

As regards the appointments in the Medical Department including those of the Director of Public Health and the Assistant Directors of Public Health, the hon. Member is referred to the Quarterly Civil Medical list issued in January 1921 and October 1923, copies of which are available to hon. Members.

In the other departments under the Minister, no non-Indians were

employed at the time when he assumed office.

# Mappilla Rebellion.

Number of Mappillas tried by the various courts in Malabar.

95 Q.—Mr. T. M. Moidu Sahib: Will the hon, the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) how many Mappillas were tried up to date for offences connected with the rebellion—

(1) by the Military Court, (2) by the Special Tribunal,